

May 19, 2015

The Trail Creek Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, 211 Rainbow Trail, Trail Creek, Indiana.

Council Vice President, Warren Schacht, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes A motion was made Mr. Studtman to approve the meeting minutes from the April 21, 2015 as written; motion was seconded by Mr. Bayler, and was then unanimously carried.

Approval Of Fund A motion was made by Mr. Bayler to approve the fund report for May 19, 2015; motion was seconded by Mrs. Heath.

Approval of Claims A motion was made by Mr. Studtman to approve claims in the amount of \$50,171.85(FIFTY THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY ONE DOLLARS AND EIGHTY FIVE CENTS) motion was seconded by Mr. Silcox and was then unanimously carried.

Correspondence None

Department Reports:

MS4: Ms. Kate Doyle, MS4 Coordinator in attendance. She also indicated that the county has created a new online training area of the website. You can also access the training videos on you-tube. Currently, the newest safety video is on concrete wash out. She did report that the Town of Long Beach has added the MS4 rules to their building permits. Ms. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer will contact Aaron, Town of Long Beach Building Commissioner for details on the verbiage used, to possibly add to The Town of Trail Creeks building permits. Ms. Denham asked that Kate bring some more "doggie bags" to help promote picking up after your pet.

Attorney: Mr. Herrbach in attendance. He wanted to follow up on a discussion from last month's meeting regarding contractors needing to have proper signage on their vehicles. Mr. Herrbach located the ordinance; it was passed in February 2001, however was not codified. Council suggested that the town hall send out letters to all of our current registered contractors.

Engineer Mr. John Doyle, Town Engineer in attendance. Mr. Doyle indicated that he received a phone call from a Trail Creek resident, Mr. Larry Bolka; 402 Cricket regarding the removal and replacement of a speed limit sign by the Trail Creek Street Department. Mr. Doyle stated that the sign presents no concerns where it was placed and recommends that it stay where it is. It originally fell and then was moved to separate the several signs in the area, to make it more visible to drivers. It was recommended by council for Mr. Doyle to send an official letter indicating the conclusion to Mr. Larry Bolka.

Mr. Doyle discussed the 2015 Street Improvement Projects and the inlets on Greentree.

- South end of Greentree and Dogwood Drive; repair /replace inlets and drainage pipes. (Possible twelve inch pipe replacements)
Mr. Jeff Studtman asked if a camera had been put down the pipe to get a better understanding. Mr. Doyle indicated that D&M could do that, but the work still needs to be done. Mr. Doyle recommends getting some quotes and perhaps having a special meeting to review and vote.
- 2015 Street Improvement project; Mr. Doyle asks that each ward member as well as the street commission review the areas of concern to pinpoint which projects should be completed this year. To discuss further at the June 2015 Town Hall meeting.

Street Department: C&W Mowing proposal passed along to council by Ms. Joshleen Denham, Clerk-Treasurer because street commissioner not in attendance at tonight's meeting. This proposal is for the mowing of the ditch behind Evergreen Plaza. Council reviewed the proposal and a motion was made by Ms. Heath to approve the proposal of \$ 3,750.00 / for three mows at \$1250.00 each. However, along with the approval council wants to make sure that the trash will be picked up prior to mowing. Motion was seconded by Mr. Bayler.

NIRPC: No Report

Park Department: Mr. Scott Silcox, Park Board Liaison stated they had a meeting on May 05, 2015 and discussed several items regarding our parks.

- Park Times; it is the park departments recommendation is to revise the hours from 6am-10pm to 6am to 9pm including the tennis courts. After a short discussion between council and Marshal Dick it was decided that this should be reviewed again for next month's meeting. Marshal Dick would like for the hours to be Dawn to Dusk.
- Pritz Park; Last month, council discussed the possibility of putting other amenities in the park such as a cool down area. It is the park department's recommendation not to put this in for liability reasons.
- Picnic Tables; it was suggested that more picnic tables be placed in the park. Ms. Denham; Clerk-Treasurer indicated that the street commissioner, Jeff Bruder is looking into the purchase of more picnic tables and some could be placed at Pritz Park.
- Parking Concerns; Mr. Warren Schacht asked that when the park department meets again, that perhaps there could be some discussion regarding parking and proper signage.
Mr. Silcox stated that the park department plans to meet every two months.

Building Inspector: No report

Planning and Zoning: No report

Police Department: Marshal Dick in attendance and states that Deputy Nic Korepanow is officially done with both the academy and the Trail Creek Police Departments training and feels comfortable riding alone.

Also, the "National Crime Night Out" is planned for August 4th, the department needs to obtain more information regarding this event prior to officially scheduling.

Marshal Dick would like to have a gun class held at the Town Hall on June 28, 2015; This class will be initially held for women who are Trail Creek residents. The cost of the class will be \$75.00 and will include three hours of instruction and one hour of range time. More information to come, at the next meeting.

Old Business:

- St. Stan's 5K walk/run is scheduled for June 6th
- 2015 Street Improvement Projects
 1. Yankee / Welnetz;
 2. Greentree/RedOak
 3. Oriole/Bluebird/Meadowlark
 4. Laurel/Spruce/Welnetz
 5. Greenwood/Avondale/Meadowlark

After a lengthy discussion it was decided by council to table this discussion for next month. This extra time will allow council to review these areas of concern and report at the June 2015 Town Hall Meeting.

New Business:

- Electrical Inspector; Not in attendance. Ms. Denham indicated that Mr. Switzer Town Electrical Inspector wanted to review and possibly amend the codes to include some things such as fire detectors and GCFI outlets. Mr. Herrbach, Town Attorney stated that Mr. Switzer supplied him with a list of things; however he would prefer it if Mr. Switzer could be present at the meeting to discuss. This will be tabled until next month.
- Grass Ordinance; Ms. Denham Clerk Treasurer indicated that a recent assessment was done throughout the town by the police department and a total of forty nine letters were sent to residents.
- 3411 S. Roeske; Abandoned property compliant. Building Commissioner, Steve Thomas took pictures of this property and provided to council for review. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that the attorney would look into the title work and send a letter to the deeded owner regarding the condition of the property.

Public Comment:

- Mr. Herman Lehman; 2702 Greenwood Ave. attended meeting to follow up on the GAF potential pollution issue. Mr. Herrbach stated that he had been in contact with Michigan City and they have been working with GAF to resolve the problem. He indicated that Michigan City must take the lead on this problem

initially since the company is in Michigan City's jurisdiction. Mr. Lehman stated that he also would follow up with Michigan City as well and report back for our June 2015 meeting.

- Roger Stark / Jerraly Stark; 2109 Redoak Drive wanted to discuss the old Hostess store. The property is vacant and owned by Sharp's Discount stores. Marshal Dick indicated that the owner is aware of the standing water in the dock area and will bring to compliance.
- Nicole Wojasinski; 210 Johnson Road wanted to discuss how she can obtain information regarding an active criminal investigation. She stated she has contacted Marshal Dick with no response. Marshal Dick responded by saying, I have not received any phone calls from you. Town Attorney, Bill Herrbach interjected and stated that legally we cannot discuss an active criminal investigation publically due to the Standard Operating Procedures Polices. He recommended that she write a letter to the members of the police advisory board to file any complaints or concerns she may have. Ms. Denham stated that she would forward the email address of those members to Ms. Wojasinski after the meeting.

Clerk-Treasurer's Comment: None

Council Comment: There being no further business a motion was made by Ms. Heath to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m., motion was seconded by Mr. Studtman and was then unanimously carried.

APPROVED: _____

Warren Schacht, Council President

ATTEST: _____

Joshleen M. Denham, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved: June 16, 2015